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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, MOPS, WB, GE

SUBJECT: DETENTION OF US MILITARY PERSONNEL IN EAST  
BERLIN

REF: BERLIN 1859

WE ARE DOUBTFUL ABOUT THE DESIRABILITY OF GETTING INTO  
A LEAKING OPERATION IN BERLIN CONCERNING THE RECENT DE-  
TENTION OF US MILITARY PERSONNEL BY GDR REPRESENTATIVES.  
OUR POSITION HAS BEEN PUT CLEARLY ON THE RECORD WITH THE  
SOVIETS, AND THIS CAN BE REFERRED TO IN THE FUTURE  
SHOULD THE NEED EVER ARISE. THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME  
GDR AUTHORITIES HAVE TAKEN PHOTOGRAPHS OF US PERSONNEL  
IN EAST BERLIN AND IT WILL NOT BE THE LAST. WE WOULD  
NOT WELCOME A SITUATION WHERE EVERY INCIDENT IN EAST  
BERLIN BECOMES THE SUBJECT OF A LEAK FROM THE US SIDE  
ONLY IN THE CASES WHERE NO ILLICIT ACTIVITY IS INVOLVED.  
THE SOVIETS AND GDR WOULD QUICKLY BE ABLE TO SPOT THOSE  
CASES IN WHICH US PERSONNEL WERE INVOLVED IN ILLICIT  
ACTIVITIES BY FOLLOWING THE LEAK/NON-LEAK EXERCISE. WE  
THEREFORE RECOMMEND AGAINST THE USBER PROPOSAL CONTAINED  
IN PARA 2 REFTTEL.

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